

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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CHHATTISGARH MODEL OF PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chhattisgarh model of Public Distribution System has received appreciation for its effectiveness and success in delivering the foodgrains and other items to the intended beneficiaries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the positive points identified by the Government therein;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any advisory to other States for replicating this model; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the States thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a) & (b): As reported by State Government of Chhattisgarh, it has been appreciated and awarded by the Government for computerization of Public Distribution System and use of Computerised Online Real- time Electronic (CORE) PDS. Among the various modules, online allocation of ration, supply chain computerization, ration card digitization, Fair Price Shop (FPS) automation with the help of Point of Sale devices empowering beneficiary to visit any FPS of his choice in COREPDS are some of the positive points identified by the Government.

(c)&(d): With an aim to improve the functioning of TPDS, the best practices followed by States/UTs, including those in State of Chhattisgarh, are shared with States/UTs on a regular basis through advisories, meetings, conferences, etc. A Common Application Software (CAS) has also been got prepared through National Informatics Centre (NIC) and given to States/ UTs, which incorporates the various best practices in State of Chhattisgarh among others. As per information given by NIC, 24 States/UTs are using the CAS for computerization of TPDS.